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The Airtimes is a quarterly newsletter for sharing updates with our partners, neighbors and stakeholders.

Our mission: To provide for the safe movement of people and goods, and the delivery of State services.

Polar Air Cargo

Polar Air Cargo is a leader in international logistics and operates from 12 stations worldwide, but their busiest station is right here at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC). Polar averages 32 flights a week in Boeing 747-400F aircraft from Hong Kong, Incheon and Narita to Los Angeles, Wilmington, Ohio and New York. All flights stop in Anchorage where Polar has a busy ramp trans-load operation six days per week. Cargo from each arriving aircraft gets sorted and loaded onto each of the other aircraft. The backhaul to Asia includes perishables and general express cargo. Fresh fish is also hauled seasonally from Alaska to the Lower 48 and Asia with the ability to connect to as far away as Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

On October 27, 2008, Polar Air Cargo launched a new transpacific scheduled service operation in partnership with DHL Express resulting in eight B747-400F aircraft dedicated to this new network. This new "express network" provides all of Polar Air Cargo's customers the ability to have next day delivery between Asia, Anchorage and the Lower 48. Mike Spillane, Station Manager for Polar Air Cargo in ANC says, "we are excited about our new operation at ANC and we are continually striving to ensure we maintain schedule integrity which is a critical ingredient for our success, and absolutely critical for all of our valued customers." In addition to contributing to the bottom line at ANC, Polar Air Cargo's flight crews overnight in Anchorage. Polar has as many as 30 hotel rooms blocked nightly at a local hotel. The latest ISER (Institute of Social and Economic Research/UAA) report indicates that ANC contributes \$2.3 billion to the local economy of which \$30 million goes to hotels.

Parent company, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. operates the largest fleet worldwide of Boeing 747 cargo aircraft. Polar Air Cargo was formed in 1993 to respond to a need for scheduled cargo service. U.S. carriers at the time provided cargo lift as excess capacity on their passenger flights. What began with an initial flight between New York and Shannon, Ireland has expanded to a scheduled route system serving major economic regions. Polar is 51% owned by Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and 49% owned by DHL Express and is headquartered in Purchase, N.Y.



Meet ANC's Administrative Team

"Where's my dog?" "Are there still aircraft there?" "What airline am I flying on?"

These are some of the questions that the Airport's Administrative team field on a regular basis. The administrative staff ensures that all calls from the public are handled efficiently and professionally, and are routed to the appropriate contact. They also coordinate the work areas of each Airport operational section, including

engineering, environmental, public relations, marketing, leasing, development, facilities, field and equipment maintenance, police and fire, and the director's office.

Our Administrative Team is a valuable asset and a group of energized, talented and fun people!



Photo – left to right, Melani "Mo" Riggs, Sir Charles Hawk, Ron Placko, Kaitlin Hammond, Marisa Conway, Peggy Baker, Sherry Cole, Alice Messick, Rita Ingram, Rosemary Dunn, Trudy Wassel. Not pictured – Jadeyi Whatley, Nick Ebell, Qiauna Dade, Keith Heim, Tina Ferman, Stacy Turner

Park, Ride & Fly Lot

The new "Park, Ride & Fly" parking lot is located across from the DOTPF Central Regional Headquarters on International Airport Rd.

Rates:

Daily \$7.00

Weekly \$35.00

Monthly rates \$90.00

The lot is open 24/7 and there is Airport shuttle bus service available to/from the parking lot and both Airport terminals.

For more information contact Republic Parking: (907) 529-2577 or 677-0670.

Directions to the Park, Ride & Fly Lot: From westbound on International Airport Road, turn right at the Aviation Avenue Exit and follow the signs to the parking lot.

Mahalo to Alaska Airlines

Airport Manager John Parrott joins Alaska Airlines Vice President Bill MacKay and staff at a "ribbon/lei cutting" ceremony to inaugurate Alaska Airlines first non-stop flight to Maui from Anchorage on October 31, 2008. Alaska Airlines now flies non-stop from Anchorage to Honolulu and Maui – the winter playgrounds of many Alaskans.



Anchorage Airport Marks

Alaska Statehood Celebration

The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is commemorating Alaska's 50th Anniversary of Statehood with a 20 foot banner hanging prominently in the South Terminal and numerous smaller banners alongside International Airport Rd. The Airport has played a big part in Alaska's history:

- In 1948, Congress approved \$13,000,000 to fund "two international type" airports in Anchorage and Fairbanks.
- In 1951, the Anchorage International Airport officially opened.
- In the early fifties, the Anchorage airport was essential to Alaska with an estimated 90% of Alaska's passenger traffic and 65% of its mail transported by Anchorage-based airlines.
- On January 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th State and the U.S. transferred ownership of the airport at an estimated value of \$11,650,000
- In the 1960s, the airport established itself as the "Air Crossroads of the World." Seven international carriers including Air France, SAS and Japan Airlines used the airport as a regular stop-over on routes between Europe, Asia and the Eastern U.S.
- In 1964 the largest earthquake in North America (magnitude 9.2) rocked Southcentral Alaska. The airport's main control tower collapsed. The Lake Hood tower provided air traffic service for the airport until a temporary tower could be built.
- Russian airspace opened in 1989. International passenger traffic dropped as larger, longer-range jets came on-line. FedEx and UPS began major transpacific sorting hubs in Anchorage.
- The new C Concourse opened in 2004.
- Today ANC is the #1 airport in North America for cargo (landed gross weight), and #3 in the world for cargo tonnage, and an average of 5 million passengers travel through the airport annually.



"Sounds of the Season" filled the airport as choirs, jazz bands and orchestras from local schools performed during the month of December at the Airport.



Grace Christian Choir and Teacher Kirsten Belloni

South High School Jazz Band and teacher Darrell Kincaid





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What's New:

Flight Simulator Now Available at Lake Hood



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An Aviation Training Device (ATD) is now available at the Lake Hood general aviation office. The ATD features three monitors that offer a peripheral view for increased realism for GPS approaches, instrument procedures and 12 passes under different weather conditions. This training program will help to reduce general aviation accidents by improving the knowledge and skill level of pilots through problem-based learning and scenario-based training. There is no fee for the simulator and scheduling time can be arranged online at www.MedallionFoundation.org

The ATD is being provided through a partnership between the Medallion Foundation, Alaska Aviation Safety Research Project and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

For more information please call 743-8050 (Medallion office) or 266-2741 (Lake Hood office).